(b) whether this move is considered as imposition of non-tariff barrier;

(c) whether the matter has since been sorted out; and

(d) whether Bangladesh accepts Indian commodities sent through sea-route?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY) : (a) The issue of Bangladesh not allowing sugar rakes from India over rail route has been taken up by Government with Bangladesh.

(b) Yes, sir.

(c) Bangladesh has not yet responded to our request for allowing import of sugar through land route.

(d) Yes, Sir.

Export to US and EU Countries

4258. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether India's exports to US and EU Countries recorded a fall during the last nine months of 2001-2002;

(b) if so, the reason therefor;

(c) the figures for the corresponding period of the previous year; and

(d) what steps have been taken or are proposed to be taken to increase exports to above countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY) : (a) to (c) During the period April-December 2001-02, India's export to US and EU Countries have recorded a negative growth at (-) 13.31% and (-) 6.04% respectively. The synchronized global slowdown coupled with the September 11 event and its aftermath have led to lower export growth during the financial year 2001-02. India's export to US and EU Countries for the period April-December 2001-02 and the corresponding period of the previous year (April-December 2000-01) is as under:

(Period: April-December)

(In US $ million)

Countries/Regions	2001-02	2000-01
USA	6119.87	7059.53
European Union Countries	7027.21	7478.78

(d) Export promotion continues to be a major thrust area. Several measures to boost exports have been undertaken in order to provide competitive edge to the Indian goods in the International market., Taking stock of the developments in the recent past and considering the current global economic environment, the Medium Term Export Strategy for the period 2002-2007 has been announced.

Dumping of foreign goods

4259. DR. ABRAR AHMED: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Indian market is being dumped with foreign goods resulting in closing of many plants/factories each year; and

(b) if so, the steps Government have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY): (a) and (b) The Directorate General of Anti-Dumping and Allied Duties undertakes investigation on the basis of sufficient evidence of dumping, injury and a casual link between the dumped imports and the injury caused to the domestic industry.

So far the DGAD has initiated 124 cases of investigations. The present status of these 124 cases is given below:-

(i) Definitive duties have been recommended in 88 cases, of which, duties have been imposed in 82 cases.

(ii) Provisional duties have been recommended in 24 cases, of which, duties have been imposed in 20 cases.